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Ten More Counties Added to List of Courts Offering On-line Payment for Traffic Citations Through the Nebraska Judicial Branch's New ePayment System

Courts in ten more counties, including Nebraska's highest and lowest populated areas, have added themselves to the list of courts offering motorists the option to pay traffic tickets on-line. As of Tuesday, February 19, drivers who receive payable traffic citations (tickets with a set fine which can be paid without a court appearance) in Arthur, Boone, Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Douglas, Dundy, Gage, Jefferson and Pierce Counties are able to pay their traffic fines on the Internet through the Nebraska Judicial Branch's new on-line payment system.

The new ePayment system offers individuals a secured on-line location to pay their traffic citations. Motorists can log onto the Judicial Branch Web site, www.supremecourt.ne.gov, and click on the "ePayments" button. Users of ePayment can pay their citations using Visa, MasterCard or debit cards with the Visa or MasterCard logos. Users are assessed a transaction fee by the vendor.

Thus far there are 35 county courts offering the ePayment alternative. Eleven more will be added in March and the remaining courts added this summer. As of the day the ten new courts were added, the system had received approximately 1,250 payments with over \$179,000 collected in fees and fines.

Typical traffic citations that can be paid on-line include: speeding tickets, seat belt violations, driving without current tags, failure to stop at stop sign, and similar offenses of a less serious nature.

However, more serious violations still require court appearances, including driving on a suspended license, driving while under the influence of alcohol, driving an uninsured vehicle, or driving while impaired by controlled dangerous substances. Motorists may not pay their traffic citation on-line if the citation indicates that they must appear in court.

City and municipal parking citations must be paid to the local municipalities, although many cities have their own on-line ePayment programs.

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